USOE COORDINATED MEETING November 30, 2010 Jordan District Auxiliary Services 7905 S Redwood Road, West Jordan

Curriculum Directors Meeting Minutes

Please note: PowerPoint presentations and additional related references can be found on-line at the Curriculum Directors web site.

Sydnee Dickson, Director, Teaching and Learning, welcomed everyone to this meeting. Approximately 200-250 district and school personnel were in attendance throughout the day. http://www.schools.utah.gov/curr/directors/documents/11-30-2010/RollingOuttheCommonCoreStandards.pdf.

This particular session for Curriculum Directors will focus on the Common Core State Standards (CCSS) (http://www.corestandards.org/). The Common Core was developed with input from teachers, school administrators, and other district personnel from some 35 states. It is research-based, rigorous, internationally benchmarked, will prepare Utah's students for both college and career, and will fulfill the mission of *Promises to Keep*.

David Smith (STEM Coordinator, Elementary Mathematics and Science Specialist) and Diana Suddreth (Secondary Mathematics, Title IIA) gave an overview of the Core Academy that will be held throughout the summer of 2011. (This DRAFT can be viewed at slide 9 of Sydnee Dickson's PowerPoint. See link above. This is a DRAFT only.) Committees continue to work on developing this professional development opportunity for Utah's educators. It is anticipated that this scenario will accommodate approximately 4700 participants. The English Language Arts will be offered for all grades in sessions for K-5 and 6-12. Mathematics sessions will be offered for grades 6 and 9 only as these will be the first to be implemented in schools in 2011-2012. Please be advised, if a student is presently in 9th grade now, they will not reach the CCSS.

Sydnee then turned the time over to David Smith and Diana Suddreth (Mathematics Common Core) and Reed Spencer (English Language Arts Common Core).

The PowerPoint presentation for Mathematics can be accessed at:

http://www.schools.utah.gov/curr/directors/documents/11-30-2010/MegameetingNovember2010.pdf. Additional, pertinent information is available at:

For Elementary Mathematics: Common Core Crosswalks http://www.schools.utah.gov/curr/Math/elem/core.htm.

For Secondary Mathematics: http://www.schools.utah.gov/curr/Math/Sec/commoncore.htm.

David reminded us, as had Syd previously stated that this IS NOT a national curriculum. Several points of discussion noted here:

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- Full implementation of CCSS will take several years.
- Plus for students making it easier to enter and exit the "calculus train" in high school.
- Additional challenge for charter schools and smaller districts teaching multiple courses to students within one classroom. USOE to support this through professional development.
- Endorsement issues.

Please direct questions and/or comments to David Smith (<u>david.smith@schools.utah.gov</u>) or Diana Suddreth (<u>diana.suddreth@schools.utah.gov</u>).

The PowerPoint for English Language Arts can be accessed at:

http://www.schools.utah.gov/curr/directors/documents/11-30-

2010/ComCoreStarTrekNovMegaMtg.pdf.

Additional handouts available from Curriculum Directors' web page concerning the "Structure of the ELA Common Core" and "The Range and Complexity Comparison."

- 38 states and several territories have adopted the CCSS.
- 45 teachers spent 2-3 days on small committees doing a gap analysis.
- The ELA Common Core will encompass a greater range and complexity to close the postsecondary gap.
- Qualitative difference in instruction. Move towards focus on performance.
- Alignment documents will be posted comparing:
 - O Utah Core to CCSS what's different?
 - CCSS to Utah core what we have been doing.
 - o Partial, complete, or no match.
- Educators won't find anything and be surprised by it.
- CCSS should be up and going by fall, 2013.
- Nationally, comparisons will be able to be made from high school to high school.
- New core is outcome-based.
- Will include grammar and emphasize writing.
- Professional development.

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In conclusion, Sydnee and Brenda Hales thanked everyone for attending this meeting and hoped it provided critical information for districts and charter schools.

Brenda indicated she would be sending a brief survey to help determine the scenario for the next scheduled USOE Coordinated meeting which is presently set for January 5th. This meeting date may be changed depending on the outcome of the survey. Please watch your e-mail for further information regarding this.

Next Meetings:
Jordan Auxiliary Services Building
January 5, 2011
March 9, 2011
8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
7905 S Redwood Road
West Jordan
(Available via Wimba)